

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8 and 13-22 contain allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-38 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 23, 25, and 31 are independent. Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form by this reply. Claim 8 has been cancelled by this reply. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 31.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,249,284 ("Bogdon"). Claim 1 has been amended in this reply to include the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 8, which the Examiner indicated contains allowable subject matter. The limitation of claim 8 includes "discarding a native focus-out event received by the descendant, wherein the native focus-out event is generated in response to the request to set focus to the focus proxy."

As stated by the Examiner, Bogdon does not disclose discarding a native focus-out event. Thus, amended claim 1 is patentable over Bogdon. Dependent claim 2 is allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, claims 25-26, 29, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,469,714 ("Buxton"). Independent claims 25 and 31 have been amended to include the limitation of claim 8, which the Examiner indicated as allowable subject matter. Therefore, amended claims 25 and 31 are now patentable over Buxton. Similarly, dependent claims 26-30 and 32-38 are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

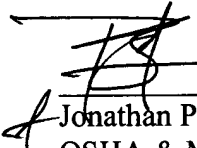
Claims 7, 11-12, and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bogdon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,469,714 ("Buxton"). Claim 1 has been amended in this reply to include allowable subject matter as indicated above. Further, claim 23 has also been amended to include the same limitation from claim 8. Thus, the amended claims 1 and 23 are now patentable over Bogdon and Buxton. Dependent claims 7, 11-12, and 24 are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 14695.002002; P4958).

Respectfully submitted,

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